(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the facility includes the reservation quota in the Karnataka and Jhelum Express trains passing through Kopergaon; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the extent to which this quota can be increased?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Railway Out Agency is functioning at Shirdi with facility for issuing unreserved and reserved tickets.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) *Quota allotted at Shirdi Out Agency*

(1) 2627 Dn. SBC-NDLS Karnataka Express 4 sleeper berths (w.e.f. 11.8.96)

(2) 2628 Up NDLS-SBC Karnataka Express 6 sleeper berths

(3) 1077 Dn. PA-JAT Jhelum Express 4 sleeper berths.

Quota allotted at Kopergaon Station

(1) 2627 SBC-NDLS Karnataka Express 4 sleeper berths (w.e.f. 11.8.96)

(2) 2628 NDLS-SBC Karnataka Express 2 sleeper berths & 2 AC 2 tier berths

(3) 1077 PA-JAT Jhelum Express 4 sleeper berths.

Quota of Shirdi Out Agency and Kopergaon Station by 2627 Dn. SBC-NDLs Karnataka Express has recently been allotted.

[English]

Import of Banned Drugs

2076. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the drugs banned by WHO are being manufactured and used in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for not banning the use to such durgs in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) to (c) As per the available information (upto 22.12.1995), World Health Organisation has so far reported the withdrawal of 44 drugs in some countries. Out of these 44 drugs, 26 drugs were never approved for marketing in India. Of the remaining 11 drugs were banned and 7 drugs were allowed for continued marketing in the country with 'caution' by the Drugs Controller of India in consultation with experts and expert bodies like ICMR.

Broad Gauge Line from Lumding to Dibrugarh

2077. SHRI KESHAB MAHANTA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the progress made in regard to the completion of the broad gauge line from Lumding to Dibrugarh; and

(b) the time by which the project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b) Gauge Conversion work from Lumding to Dibrugarh is going on in full swing. As per revised target schedule the work is planned to be completed in Phases as under :-

Section	Kms.	Target
Lumding-Dimapur	69	Completed
Dimapur-Furkating	70	completed
Furkating-Mariani	38	95-96
Furkating-Mariani (Loop)	86	97-98
Mariani-Tinsukia-Lekhapani	155	96-97
Tinsukia-Dibrugarh	48	96-97

Rice Research Centre

2078. SHRI UDDHAB BARMAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the foundation stone of a Rice Research Centre in Barpetta district of Assam has been laid;

(b) if so, progress of construction carried so far;

(c) whether a large number of peasants had to be evicted from the area for construction of the Research Centre; and

(d) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken for their rehabilitation/

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Construction not yet started as the land for the Centre has not yet been transferred by the State Government.

(c) Nor, Sir.

(d) Does not arise